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ABSTRACT

The amount of information available on Women's Studies has increased dramatically over the past two decades. Therefore, a brief bibliography of texts which focuses on women and history has been compiled. The items are grouped under the following headings: articles (published in a journal), bibliographies (including teaching guides and sources to find more sources); books (single-author texts), and collections (essays and documents, generally reprinted from other sources). (BZ)

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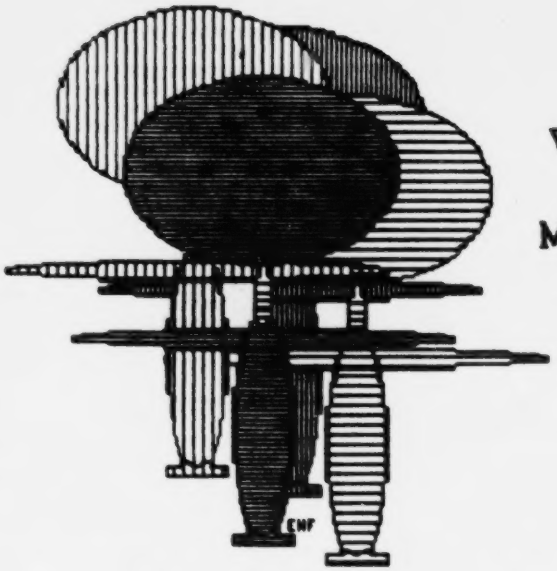

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Bibliography: Women and History

The amount of information available on Women's Studies has exploded over the past two decades. As a brief bibliography of texts and local resources, the following cannot be all-inclusive. Entries have been selected for both their significance in each field and for their usefulness in the classroom -- as well as with an eye to price and accessibility. Nearly every individual who contributed to this bibliography had suggestions for more people to contact; every reference invoked others. Rather than using it is a definitive compilation, we suggest you view it as a starting point.

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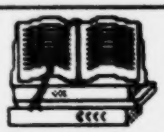
ARTICLES. Published in a journal.

"Teaching the History of Hispanic American Women"

Arrom, Sylvia
THE HISTORY TEACHER, Vol. 13, No. 4, Aug. 1980, pp. 493-508.

An overview of the conclusions emerging from Latin American women's history. Relevant to the experiences of Mexican American and Puerto Rican women in the U.S. Contains bibliography, film suggestions.



BIBLIOGRAPHIES. Includes teaching guides, sources to find more sources.

Black Women in the Middle West Project, The: A Comprehensive Resource Guide, Illinois and Indiana

Hine, Darlene Clark, Patrick Kay Bidelman and Shirley M. Herd
1986; West Lafayette, IN: Purdue Research Foundation

Subtitle: "Historical Essays, Oral Histories, Biographical Profiles and Document Collection." Guide to an ongoing local history project. Demonstrates grass-roots involvement in collecting documents, participation in defining what is important.

History in Context, the OAH/FIPSE Project

Williams, William H. A., Ph.D., MLS, compiler and editor
Organization of American Historians; 112 North Bryan, Bloomington, IN 47405; 812/335-7311

Database currently holding about 500 items (books, articles, papers, etc.) Printout $10 (including alphabetized entries with brief annotation, plus topic index); or can be accessed with topics such as Women's Studies, History's Role in the Schools, Minorities. Updated quarterly.

Restoring Women to History: OAH Materials for... (4 volumes; Volumes I and II each in US History and Western Civilization)

Organization of American Historians
1984, 1986; Bloomington, IN: Organization of American Historians

Packets including lectures, bibliographies and more for survey of literature and ideas at the level of freshman college history. 14 chapters each volume, chronological organization. Contact: Organization of American Historians, 112 North Bryan, Bloomington, IN 47405; 812/335-7311.

BOOKS. Single-author texts.

A History of Women in America: From Founding Mothers to Feminists -- How Women Shaped the Life and Culture of America

Hymowitz, Carol and Michaele Weissman
1978; New York: Bantam Books, Inc.

One of the standards; useful both as in-classroom and background reading. Contents: Early America; 19th Century: Slaves, "Ladies," Reformers, and Working Women; Civil War/the Movement Westward; Industrialization and Urbanization. 31 illustrations.

At Odds: Women and the Family in America from the Revolution to the Present

Degler, Carl N.
1981; New York: Oxford University Press

Synthesizes the work of other scholars, but gives a good overview of American women's history.

Culture of Southern Black Women, The: Approaches and Materials

Conklin, Nancy Faires, Brenda McCallum and Marcia Wade
1983; University, AL: The University of Alabama

"Synthesizes three years' research into topics about the culture of southern Black women, offering lists of activities and readings" from which to select or adapt. Detailed instructions on conducting your own fieldwork. Bibliography of print and audio-visual materials.

Majority Finds Its Past, The: Placing Women in History

Lerner, Gerda
1979; New York: Oxford University Press.

Clarifies and defines the methodology of women's history in the making. Points out deficiencies in "male" history, shows how it renders women invisible. Assesses contributions and theoretical impact.

Recent United States Scholarship on the History of Women

Sicherman, Barbara and others
1980; Washington: American Historical Association

Presented at the XV International Congress of Historical Sciences. An overview of women's working, sexuality, and politics and their social implications. Variety of suggested readings.

Seven Women: Portraits from the American Radical Tradition

Nies, Judith
1977; New York: The Viking Press

Good bibliography and suggestions for further readings. Covers Sarah Moore Grimké, Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mother Jones, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Anna Louise Strong, Dorothy Day.

Teaching Women's History

Lerner, Gerda
1981; Washington, DC: American Historical Association

Reviews historiography, concepts and strategies, on a variety of topics including gender categorization, the housewife in the economy, suffrage, and minority women.

The American Woman: Her Changing Social, Economic and Political Roles, 1920-1970

Chafe, William Henry
1974; New York: Oxford University Press

Recommended work on American history.

True Love and Perfect Union: The Feminist Reform of Sex and Society

Leach, William
1980; New York: Basic Books

Survey of feminist thought and practice during the 1870s, including philosophical bases and critique of romanticized institution of marriage. Late 19th century American social history.

When and Where I Enter: The Impact of Black Women on Race and Sex in America

Giddings, Paula
1984; New York: William Morrow & Company, Inc.

Black women, although often ignored by Black men and white feminists, became the linchpin between 2 American social reform movements: women's rights and Black rights. Draws on original sources to draw portraits and capture the flavor of each era from slavery to the present.

Women in Soviet Society: Equality, Development, and Social Change

Lapidus, Gail Warshofsky
1978; Berkeley: University of California Press

Superbly researched analysis of the place of women in Soviet history and society. Follows the influence of economic development on women and explains the challenges facing them today.

COLLECTIONS. Essays and documents, generally reprinted from other sources.

A Heritage of Her Own: Toward a New Social History of American Women

Cott, Nancy F. and Elizabeth H. Pleck, editors
1979; New York: Simon & Shuster/Touchstone

One of the standards; 24 scholarly essays on various topics from Colonial America to the present. Endnotes with each chapter useful for further readings.

Approaches to Women's History: A Resource Book and Teaching Guide

Chapman, Anne, editor
1979; Washington, DC: American Historical Association

Discussions with appropriate activities and documents for incorporating women's history into the high school curriculum. Topics include sex roles, family history, feminism, and working. Annotated bibliography.

Becoming Visible: Women in European History

Bridenthal, Renate and Claudia Koonz, editors
1977; Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company

Best collection of essays on European history. 20 essays on women in social structures from classical antiquity to the present. Suggestions for further reading, in addition to endnotes, with each chapter.

Black Women in White America: A Documentary History

Lerner, Gerda, editor
1972; New York: Random House

Documentary history of Black women from slavery through the beginning of the feminist movement.

European Women: A Documentary History, 1789-1945

Riemer, Eleanor S. and John C. Fout, editors
1980; New York: Schocken Books

Best collection of primary sources; 53 documents taken from England, France, Russia, Austria, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland. Contents: Women and Work; Women's Politics; Women and the Family in Modern Society; Women and Her Body.

Holding Up the Sky: Women in American History: Images and Realities in the 19th Century

Oppenheim, E. Jean
1983, Bloomington, IN: NEH-funded Summer Institute

"Short biographical sketches of ten 19th century American women who helped shape our history and excerpts from their writings or speeches." Companion volume to "Integrating Women." Well-edited for classroom use.

Integrating Women into U.S. History: A Sourcebook. Vol. I: Women in the 18th & 19th Centuries; Vol. II, 20th Century.

Campbell, D'Ann, Howard D. Mehlinger, Joan Gunderson and others
1983; Bloomington, IN: Indiana University

Result of Summer Institute for Secondary School History Teachers. Covers 1607-present. Classroom-tested lessons, including background readings; class readings, handouts, discussion or exam questions, vocabulary & more on variety of subjects, issues, genres, individuals.

Lay My Burden Down: A Folk History of Slavery

Botkin, Benjamin Albert, editor
1973; Chicago: University of Chicago Press

"A selection and integration of excerpts and complete narratives from the slave narrative collection of the [1945] Federal Writers' Project." Includes many women's testimonies.

Liberating Women's History: Theoretical and Critical Essays

Carroll, Berenice A., editor
1976; Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press

23 scholarly essays, theory and practical, on a range of periods and geographical areas, divided into Historiography of Women; Ideology, Sex and History; Class, Sex and Social Change; Toward a Future Human Past.

Our American Sisters: Women in American Life and Thought (Third Edition)

Friedman, Jean E. and William G. Shade, editors
1982; Lexington, MA: D.C. Heath and Company

One of the standards; 27 essays on various topics from Colonial America to the present. Endnotes with each chapter useful for further readings. Contents: Colonial; Victorian; The Progressive Impulse; The Illusion of Equality.

We Are Your Sisters: Black Women in the Nineteenth Century

Sterling, Dorothy, editor
1984; New York: W. W. Norton & Company

A skillfully edited montage of oral histories, personal letters, news items, etc., from common women and well-known figures; interspersed with the editor's observations on their significance. Covers pre-Civil War slave and free women; the war years; freedwomen; the North.

Women's America: Refocusing the Past

Kerber, Linda K. and Jane De Hart Mathews, editors
1982; New York: Oxford University Press

Skillfully edited collection of essays on women's collective impact on American society. Covers periods from Colonial to present on a variety of topics.

Women, the Family & Freedom: The Debate in Documents

Bell, Susan G. and Karen Offen, editors
1983; Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press

Two volumes, the first covering 1750-1880, the second covering 1880-1950. The best set of essays on European history.